

## **APPENDIX E: Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Parker River/Essex Bay ACEC rare species list**

Description. The NHESP database indicates that the Parker River/Essex Bay ACEC is habitat for the state-protected rare species listed on the following page. These species are protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (M.G.L. c.131A) and its implementing regulations (321 CMR 10.00). The animals are also protected under the state's Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c.131) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00). This evaluation is based on the most recent information available in the NHESP database, which is constantly being expanded and updated through ongoing research and inventory. Should new rare species information become available, this evaluation may be reconsidered. For more information, see the NHESP website at <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw>.

\*\*\*\*\* PARKER RIVER/ESSEX BAY ACEC RARE SPECIES LIST – 23 JUNE 2000

<u>Animal Species</u>	<u>Taxon</u>	<u>Status</u>
American Bittern ( <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i> )	Bird	E
Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	Bird	E
Least Bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> )	Bird	E
Pied-billed Grebe ( <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> )	Bird	E
Roseate Tern ( <i>Sterna dougallii</i> )	Bird	E
Sedge Wren ( <i>Cistothorus platensis</i> )	Bird	E
Upland Sandpiper ( <i>Bartramia longicauda</i> )	Bird	E
Grasshopper Sparrow ( <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> )	Bird	T
King Rail ( <i>Rallus elegans</i> )	Bird	T
Northern Harrier ( <i>Circus cyaneus</i> )	Bird	T
Piping Plover ( <i>Charadrius melodus</i> )	Bird	T
Vesper Sparrow ( <i>Pooecetes gramineus</i> )	Bird	T
Barn Owl ( <i>Tyto alba</i> )	Bird	SC
Common Moorhen ( <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> )	Bird	SC
Common Tern ( <i>Sterna hirundo</i> )	Bird	SC
Cooper's Hawk ( <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> )	Bird	SC
Least Tern ( <i>Sterna antillarum</i> )	Bird	SC
Atlantic Sturgeon ( <i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus</i> )	Fish	E
Shortnose Sturgeon ( <i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i> )	Fish	E
Spotted Turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> )	Reptile	SC
Wood Turtle ( <i>Clemmys insculpta</i> )	Reptile	SC
Eastern Spadefoot ( <i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i> )	Amphibian	T
Blue-spotted Salamander ( <i>Ambystoma laterale</i> )	Amphibian	SC
Eastern Pondmussel ( <i>Ligumia nasuta</i> )	Mussel	SC
New England Siltsnail ( <i>Cincinnatia winkleyi</i> )	Snail	SC
Persius Duskywing ( <i>Erynnis persius persius</i> )	Butterfly	T
 <u>Plant Species</u>		
Long's Bulrush ( <i>Scirpus longii</i> )	Vascular Plant	E
Silverling ( <i>Paronychia argyrocoma</i> )	Vascular Plant	E
Eaton's Beggar-ticks ( <i>Bidens eatonii</i> )	Vascular Plant	T
Hairy Wild Rye ( <i>Elymus villosus</i> )	Vascular Plant	T
Seabeach Dock ( <i>Rumex pallidus</i> )	Vascular Plant	T
American Sea-blite ( <i>Suaeda americana</i> )	Vascular Plant	SC
Engelmann's Umbrella-sedge ( <i>Cyperus engelmannii</i> )	Vascular Plant	SC
River Bulrush ( <i>Scirpus fluviatilis</i> )	Vascular Plant	SC
Seabeach Needlegrass ( <i>Aristida tuberculosa</i> )	Vascular Plant	SC